

20th FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE¹

20th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 22 Dec 1939
Activated, 1 Feb 1940
Inactivated, 2 Apr 1946
Redesignated 20th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, 27 Oct 1972
Activated, 1 Dec 1972
Redesignated 20th Fighter Squadron, 1 Nov 1991
Inactivated, 8 Jul 1992
Activated, 1 Jul 1993

STATIONS

Moffett Field, CA, 1 Feb 1940
Hamilton Field, CA, 10 Sep–30 Oct 1940
Nichols Field, Luzon, 18 Nov 1940
Clark Field, Luzon, Jul 1941
Bataan, Luzon, 25 Dec 1941–Apr 1942 (operated from Lubao, Luzon, 25–31 Dec 1941, and from Mindanao, 8 Apr–May 1942)
George AFB, CA, 1 Dec 1972
Holloman AFB, NM, 5 Jun–8 Jul 1992
Holloman AFB, NM, 1 Jul 1993

¹ Air Force Historical Research Agency. U.S. Air Force. Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

ASSIGNMENTS

35th Pursuit Group, 1 Feb 1940

4th Composite Group, 14 Dec 1940

24th Pursuit Group, 1 Oct 1941–2 Apr 1946

35th Tactical Fighter (later, 35th Tactical Training; 35th Tactical Fighter; 35th Fighter) Wing, 1
Dec 1972–8 Jul 1992

49th Operations Group, 1 Jul 1993

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-36A, 1940

P-26, 1940–1941

P-35A, 1941

P-40B, 1941–1942

F-4E, 1972–1992

COMMANDERS

Maj Orrin L. Grover, 1 Feb 1940–9 May 1941

1LT Joseph H. Moore, 9 May 1941–Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II

Philippine Islands

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Philippine Islands, 7 Dec 1941–10 May 1942

Philippine Islands, 8–22 Dec 1941

Philippine Islands, 6 Jan–8 Mar 1942

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

2 Feb 1976–31 Mar 1977

1 Jun 1985–31 May 1987

1 Mar 1990–29 Feb 1992

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)

EMBLEM



20 Tactical Fighter Training Squadron



20th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron

Azure a wolf head couped and issuant from dexter chief Argent (Silver Gray) garnished Sable eyed Gules and armed Argent, within an annulet of the second edged Black. (Approved, 17 Oct 1994; replaced emblem approved, 4 Mar 1977)

MOTTO

SILVER LOBOS

OPERATIONS

Departed from San Pedro, CA, 31 October 1941 on the U.S.A.T. Washington and arrived at

Manila, PI, about mid-November 1941. Transferred to Clark Field, PI, on the same day.

Combat in the Philippine Islands, 8 Dec 1941–1 May 1942; ground echelon fought as infantry unit in Bataan, 18 Jan–8 Apr 1942. Carried as an active unit but was not operational from the fall of the Philippines until 2 Apr 1946.

Trained German Air Force aircrews in the F-4, Sep 1973–Jun 1992.